

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN MATT BRAINARD**, on January 19, 1999 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 420 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Rep. Matt Brainard, Chairman (R)  
Rep. Toni Hagener, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Allan Walters, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Darrel Adams (R)  
Rep. Joan Andersen (R)  
Rep. Edith Clark (R)  
Rep. Tom Dell (D)  
Rep. George Golie (D)  
Rep. Donald L. Hedges (R)  
Rep. Monica Lindeen (D)  
Rep. Jeff Mangan (D)  
Rep. Douglas Mood (R)  
Rep. Brennan Ryan (D)  
Rep. Frank Smith (D)  
Rep. Bill Tash (R)  
Rep. Bill Thomas (R)  
Rep. Doug Wagner (R)

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Sheri Heffelfinger, Legislative Branch  
Karen Mills, Committee Secretary

**Please Note:** These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

##### **Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing(s) & Date(s) **Posted:** Jan. 13. **Hearing:** Jan. 19.

Executive Action: None

**Hearing on House Bill 117**

**Opening Statement by Rep. REP. KARL OHS EXHIBIT(sth14a01)**

Rep. Ohs wants a bill that statutorily authorizes the Montana Consensus Council; providing for an executive director and providing an effective date and a termination date. He further stated that they would resolve issues before it gets to the court system

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**Proponent's Testimony:**

**SEN. GREG JERGESON**

How can we improve the Consensus Council Board. We want to maintain a consistency within the council and provide, statutorily, what is needed when we have a change of governorship. Saves having to go to legislation.

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**ANN HEDGES, Vice-Chairperson of Montana Consensus Council.** A lot of environmental groups might not agree with this bill. A Sunset provision should be entered within the bill. It would provide accountability within and to the council.

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**JOHN YOUNGBERG, Mt. Farm Bureau**

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**JIM NYBO, City Commissioner Mt. Media Assoc. EXHIBIT(sth14a02)**

Can better solve issues if you could meet face to face in a committee setting.

**ED BARTLETT, Dir. of Affairs Montana Power Co.**

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**CHARLES BROOKS, Yellowstone County Commissioner**

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**JANET ELLIS, Mt. Audubon Society**

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**CITIZEN NOT RECOGNIZED BY CHAIR AS HE DIDN'T SIGN IN.**

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**REP. BILL TASH:**

Consensus group in Yellowstone Co./ Part of Mt. Consensus Council

feel that the law would mean that consensus groups could not deviate from the law, as some now do.

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**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

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**MATT MCKINNEY, Mt. Consensus Council**

**EXHIBIT(sth14a03)EXHIBIT(sth14a04)**

**Closing by Sponsor: REP. KARL OHS**

**{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 9.8 - 11.5}**

**HEARING ON HOUSE BILL 280**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor: REP. JOE TROPILA**

Sen. Tropila wants a bill creating a charitable solicitations act; requiring the Sec. of State to administer and enforce the charitable solicitations bill and provide the Secretary of State with rule-making authority to carry out the provisions of the bill. He further stated that he would be amenable to any amendments.

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**Proponent's Testimony:**

**ANGELA NORDSTROM, Staff Officer for Secretary of State**

**EXHIBIT(sth14a05)**

We don't need a bill as extensive as this. A balance, somewhere in between, would be better for services from the Secretary of State's Office.

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**ANNE HEDGES, MEIC EXHIBIT(sth14a06)EXHIBIT(sth14a07)**

Let's not reinvent the wheel. Make it compatible with the forms that other states are using, so not so much confusion when people come in from out of state. Our Form 990, which is now being used, wouldn't be increasing the burden that is already on these organizations.

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**REP. MANGAN:**

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**TIM MCCAULEY, United Way Office**

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**Opponent's Testimony:**

**MIKE SCHECTMAN, Small business owner EXHIBIT(sth14a08)**

1. No mandatory audits
2. Have loose regulations; because if some don't meet the deadline for filing, they have to renew or they can't get further contributions.

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**LAURIE KOUTNIK, Christian Coalition of Montana**

The bill sounds like there is inerrant mistrust within. Would like to know if any specific organization is being targeted? This bill would mean more government, not less, which is what your platforms were.

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**ROGER LONGQUITH, Consultant for Regulations in the Broadcasting Industry.** Created a vast amount of audited displays, charges, bonds on employee fund-raising solicitors.

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**JANET ELLIS:**

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**STAN FRASIER, Board of Directors, Montana Shares**

***{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 21.4 - 22.8}***

**GREGG GROEPER, Energy Share of Montana**

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**Questions from Committee Member and Responses:**

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**Closing by Sponsor: REP. JOE TROPILA**

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**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 36**

**Motion: REP. HAGENER moved HB 36 DO PASS EXHIBIT(sth14a09)**

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**Motion/Vote: REP. TASH moved that HB 36 DO PASS. Motion passed unanimously. 17-0**

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 10:55 A.M.

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REP. MATT BRAINARD, Chairman

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KAREN MILLS, Secretary

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**EXHIBIT (sth14aad)**